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NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEM GAINS IN USSR AGRICULTURE; FALL SOWING CAMPAIGN BEGINS

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.

USSR

An article by M. Popov, Deputy Minister of Agriculture USSR, contained the following information:

During the 2 years which have passed since the government of the USSR in 1950 issued the decree concerning conversion to the new system of irrigation, considerable work has been carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture USSR to implement this decree. During this time, MTS and kolkhozes of the ministry have performed work directed toward enlarging irrigated sections on an area exceeding 800,000 hectares.

In the RSFSR, 89,100 hectares as compared with 84,600 hectares planned were converted to the new system in 1950 - 1951. As of 1 August, the 1952 plan had been fulfilled 65 percent, with work having been carried out on an area of 69,700

In the Ukraine, reconstruction of the irrigation system is approaching completion; work was carried out in the republic (excluding five oblasts in the south) on 20,000 hectares during the 1950 - 1952 period.

Hundreds of thousands of hectares have been converted to the new system in the Georgian, Armenian, Kazakh, Azerbaydzhan, and Kirgiz SSRs. However, these republics are not fulfilling the 1952 plans established for them. (1)

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Lithuanian SSR

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By 18 August, MTS of the republic were widely making preparations for fall repair of tractors and agricultural machinery.(2)

Belorussian SSR

On 16 August, rain fell throughout the republic. This moisture is preparing the soil well for sowing of winter crops. MTS and kolkhozes are taking all steps for conserving the moisture. Local fertilizers have been applied and lupine plowed under to an extent twice as great as in 1951. Kolkhozes and MTS have begun sowing winter wheat and rye. Kolkhozes are doubling the area sown to winter wheat.(3)

Ukrainian SSR

Kolkhozes of Rovenskaya Oblast had begun sowing of winter crops by 19 August. Much of the rye and wheat will be sown by the close-row and crisscross methods.(4)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for various operations in kolkhozes of Poltavskaya and Khar'kovskaya oblasts, as of 15 August (4):

Operation	Poltavskaya <u>Oblast</u>	Khar'kovskaya Oblast
Grain crops reaped by combine Grain crops threshed, including those combined	73 58	68 63
(percent of grain crops reaped) Grain and legume crops, grown for seed, threshed (percent of those reaped)	66	74
Ensilage crops moved Fodder ensilaged	57 49	8 <u>1</u> 80
Natural and sown grass hay procured	40 42	57 59

Moldavian SSR

Sowing of winter crops had begun in kolkhozes of the republic by 25 August. In northern Bel'tskiy Okrug, the first 6,000 hectares had been sown.(1)

Azerbaydzhan SSR

By 30 August, mass harvesting of \cdot good rice crop was in progress in the southern portion of the republic.(5)

RSFSR

Mass sowing of winter crops was in progress in Altayskiy Kray by 18 August.(2)

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The summer of 1952 was favorable for flax in Arkhangel'skaya Oblast. It is true that the difficult spring retarded sprouting of the sown seed, but subsequent warm, sunny days with frequent rains resulted in a thick stand, fine stems, and growth to at least one-meter height. Flax began maturing in early August.

In 1951, there were serious deficiencies in the threshing of flax, which was largely performed manually and was not finished until April 1952. There were also deficiencies in unitial processing of the crop.(3)

Kolkhozes of Kalininskaya Oblast had pulled about 50 percent of the flax crop by 15 August.(6)

Mass sowing of winter rye was developing $\,$ in kolkhozes of Kemerovskaya Oblast by 19 August.(4)

Kolkhozes of Kostromskaya Oblast were finishing the harvest of winter crops and had begun that of spring crops by 21 August.(7)

By 20 August, MTS of the Crimea had fulfilled the plan for combine harvesting. Good harvests of wheat, barley, and cats were obtained in kolkhozes of Krimskaya Oblast.(8)

Without reducing harvesting and grain delivery tempos, leading kolkhozes of Novosibirskaya Oblast had begun sowing of winter rye by 15 August (6)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for various operations in kolkhozes of Omskaya and Novosibirskaya oblasts, as of 20 August (9):

Operation	Omskaya	Novosibirskaya
Grain crops reaped	Oblast 33	Oblast
Grain crops reaped by combine	33 32	23 23
Grain crops threshed, including those combined		دع
(percent of grain crops reaped)	94	96
Natural and sown grass hay procured	38	47
Fodder ensilaged	62	42

Reaping of winter rye was being completed in kolkhozes of Penzenskaya Oblast by 16 August. Still being reaped were wheat, oats, and other spring crops. More than 80 percent of the grain had been reaped and threshed by combine. (3)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for various operations in kolkhozes of Penzenskaya and Ul'yanovazaya oblasts, as of 25 August (10):

Operation	Penzenskaya Oblast	Ul'yanovskaya Oblast
Grain crops reaped Grain crops reaped by combine Grain crops threshed, including those combined	70 65	66 66
(percent of grain crops reaped) Natural and sown grass hay procured Fodder ensilaged Winter crops sown Winter fallow plowed	88 64 82 80	87 79 54 77
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Mass sowing of winter crops was developing in Primorskiy Kray by 15 August. Sowing is being performed solely by machine and mainly by the crisscross method.(6)



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By 16 August, sowing of winter crops was developing in kolkhozes of Saratovskaya Oblast. On the fields of some kolkhozes, dense sprouting was already taking place.(3)

Mass harvesting of grain crops had begun by 16 August in sovkhozes of Smolenskaya Oblast. Winter rye was yielding 20-23 quintals per hectare and barley 15-17 quintals.(11)

The following table shows percertage fulfillment of 1952 plans for various operations in kolkhozes of Voronezhskaya and Tambovskaya oblasts, as of 10 August (6):

<u>Operation</u>	Voronezhskaya <u>Oblast</u>	Tambovskaya Oblast 42 35
Grain crops reaped Grain crops reaped by combine Grain crops threshed, including those combined	46 39	
(percent of grain crops reaped) Natural and sown grass hay procured Fodder ensilaged	73 50 68	78 5 4 64

Kazakh SSR

Cotton is ripening in kolkhozes and sovkhozes of Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast. Selective harvesting had begun by 28 August.(12)

In the interest of furthering socialist competition for fulfillment of pledges given by kolkhozes and sovkhozes of the republic in a letter to Stalin with regard to ahead-of-schedule delivery of grain to the state, the TsK KP(b) Kazakh SSR has ordered that an honor roll be published in republic and oblast newspapers, on which leaders in the delivery program shall be listed.

To be listed on the republic honor roll are rayons, oblasts, sovkhoz trusts, and sovkhozes which have fulfilled the plan for grain deliveries and have provided themselves with seed from their own resources for spring and fall sowing; also to be listed are MTS which have fulfilled the plan for combine harvesting ahead of schedule and which have been paid in kind for their work. To be listed on oblast honor rolls are kolkhozes and sovkhozes which have fulfilled the delivery plan ahead of schedule and have provided themselves with seed for sowing of agricultural crops.(6)

Uzbek SSR

An article by N. Mukhitdinov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers Uzbek SSR, contained the following information:

During the 2 years since 17 August 1950, when the Council of Ministers USSR decreed conversion to a new system of irrigation, much work has been done in the republic to effect reconstruction of the irrigation system. The area on which reconstruction of the system and enlargement of irrigated sections has been undertaken totaled 656,000 hectares; work has been completely finished on 438,000 hectares. As a result of completion of this work, the usable sown area has increased by 13,974 hectares in the republic; this equivalent to 2.1 percent of the entire area on which conversion work has been undertaken up to the present.

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Small irrigated sections, where tractors could not be used before conversion, have been combined into large sections, where tractors have long runs. In Namanganskaya Oblast prior to conversion, there were 11,517 sections, including 5,663 less than one :ectare in size and 4,122 between one and 5 hectares in size; now, there are 1,680 sections with areas of 20, 30, and 40 hectares. In the oblast, 895 kilometers of permanent canals have been eliminated. In Tashkentskaya Oblast, the over-all length of the canal network has been reduced 15-25 percent. (13)

Tadzhik SSR

In Leninabadskaya Oblast, the cotton area to be harvested by machine is to exceed that of 1951 by 1.5 times.(13)

Selective harvesting of cotton had begun by 28 August on fields sown early in the southern portion of the republic.(12)

Kirgiz SSR

The cotton harvest had begun in the southern portion of the republic by 29 August. Mechanized harvesting will be carried out on an area four times greater than in 1951.(14)

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